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Honorable Newton N. Minow
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Minow:

We acknowledge your recent letter to Mr. McCone forwarding a letter to you from Representative John E. Moss dated 29 November 1961 concerning the request of Professor Robert A. Wiggins of the University of California to examine certain records which he believed were held by the FCC.

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Sincerely,

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C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Deputy Director

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Signed C. P. Cabell

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John A. McCone
Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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61-9780

Honorable John A. McCone
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated November 29, 1961, from Congressman John E. Moss, transmitting a letter from Professor Robert A. Wiggins of the University of California requesting permission to examine certain records which were accumulated by the [redacted]

Since the [redacted] this matter is submitted for your attention. Congressman Moss has been advised of this referral.

Sincerely yours,

Newton M. Minow
Chairman

Enclosures

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Honorable John E. Moss
Member of Congress
Federal Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Congressman Moss:

This is with further reference to your letter of November 29, 1961, forwarding the request of Professor Robert A. Wiggins to examine certain records accumulated by the [REDACTED] during World War II.

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[REDACTED]

We have taken the liberty of transmitting a copy of your letter and the Professor's request to the Central Intelligence Agency for its consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Newton H. Minow
Chairman

cc: Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

November 29, 1961

Honorable Newton N. Minow
Chairman,
Federal Communications Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am enclosing a request made by a distinguished constituent, Professor Robert A. Wiggins of the University of California at Davis.

I have talked with Dr. Wiggins and I am confident of his desire to utilize the material requested purely as a literary project.

I urge you to accede to his request if it is consistent with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Sincerely,

John E. Moss
Member of Congress

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
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November 27, 1961

The Honorable John Moss
Congressman Third District
Federal Building
Sacramento, California

Dear John:

As I outlined in our conversation, I think you are the person most able to represent the project we have in mind to the various agencies and officials who may be involved. Briefly here is the nature of the project:

The radio talks that Ezra Pound made over Rome Radio from 1941 to 1943 were the basis of charges of treason against him. Now that the federal government has dropped these charges, I would assume there is no reason to withhold the talks from public scrutiny. Indeed fragments of them have been published in various ways, all deriving from a typescript of these broadcasts made by a clerk, presumably under the jurisdiction of the FCC monitoring service. A copy of the typescript is on deposit at the Library of Congress and is available to scholarly inspection. However, this typescript is very inaccurate not only because of the quality of radio reception, but also because the transcriber was unfamiliar with the specialized literary terminology and allusions.

Whatever one's feeling about Pound himself or his poetry, we must recognize that he will be regarded as one of the important literary figures of the twentieth century. The broadcasts will, because of their predominantly literary subject matter, be of great importance to scholars. Because of the controversy surrounding Pound in literary circles it is especially important that the text of these talks be established as accurately as humanly possible by an impartial editor. I am to edit them in the best available form for the University of California Press.

At present I have a microfilm copy of the typescript in the Library of Congress. It is catalogued there as follows: "C 731. 1 457 Ezra Pound Broadcasts in Federal Communications Commission Transcripts of Short Wave broadcasts. Rome. (approx 122 broadcasts from 1941-1943)." The heading of each script indicates that a recording was made. For example here is the title heading the script of the first broadcast that was intercepted:

The Honorable John Moss page 2

Place: Rome, Italy
Direction: North America
Date: December 7, 1941
Time: 12:12 - 12:24 EST
Program: Talk in English
Speaker: Ezra Pound
Language: English
Record No. T 4793-4794
Reception: Fair
Monitoring Station: Shinda
Transcriber: R. E. Englander
Analyst:

If these recordings still exist, they would be of incalculable value in preparing a more accurate text. Would it be possible to determine if they do still exist? If so, then could they be made available, perhaps through tapes, in the preparation of such a text? There is evidence from the scripts that suggests they also were recorded in Rome and rebroadcast over Rome Radio. It is conceivable that these may also still exist. Is it too much to hope that they might also be made available?

I would appreciate very much your advice and aid in this project. Needless to say, I shall be happy to discuss matters of interest to any extent that you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Higgins
Associate Professor of English

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Remarks:

The attached is a proposed letter for Mr. McCone's signature to Representative John Moss acknowledging referral by the FCC to the Agency of a constituent's request for recordings made by [] during World War II. Also enclosed is an acknowledgement to Mr. Minow, Chairman, FCC, of this referral. [] has been advised and sent copies of the correspondence to initiate the file search. Recommend signature. STAT

Legislative Counsel
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